

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1300

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “First Responder An-  
3 thrax Preparedness Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRE-EVENT ANTHRAX VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR**  
5 **EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDERS.**

6       (a) ANTHRAX PREPAREDNESS.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—Title V of the Homeland Se-  
8 curity Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–296; 6 U.S.C.  
9 311 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
10 following new section:

11 **“SEC. 526. ANTHRAX PREPAREDNESS.**

12       “(a) PRE-EVENT ANTHRAX VACCINATION PROGRAM  
13 FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDERS.—For the pur-  
14 pose of domestic preparedness for and collective response  
15 to terrorism, the Secretary, in coordination with the Sec-  
16 retary of Health and Human Services, shall establish a  
17 program to provide anthrax vaccines from the strategic  
18 national stockpile under section 319F–2(a) of the Public  
19 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(a)) that will be  
20 nearing the end of their labeled dates of use at the time  
21 such vaccines are to be administered to emergency re-  
22 sponse providers who are at high risk of exposure to an-  
23 thrax and who voluntarily consent to such administration,  
24 and shall—

1 “(1) establish any necessary logistical and  
2 tracking systems to facilitate making such vaccines  
3 so available;

4 “(2) distribute disclosures regarding associated  
5 benefits and risks to end users; and

6 “(3) conduct outreach to educate emergency re-  
7 sponse providers about the voluntary program.

8 “(b) THREAT ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary shall—

9 “(1) support homeland security-focused risk  
10 analysis and risk assessments of the threats posed  
11 by anthrax from an act of terror;

12 “(2) leverage existing and emerging homeland  
13 security intelligence capabilities and structures to  
14 enhance prevention, protection, response, and recov-  
15 ery efforts with respect to an anthrax terror attack;  
16 and

17 “(3) share information and provide tailored an-  
18 alytical support on threats posed by anthrax to  
19 State, local, and tribal authorities, as well as other  
20 national biosecurity and biodefense stakeholders.”.

21 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
22 tents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by in-  
23 serting at the end of the items relating to title V the  
24 following new item:

“Sec. 526. Anthrax preparedness.”.

25 (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pre-  
2       event vaccination program authorized in section  
3       526(a) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as  
4       added by subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland  
5       Security, in coordination with the Secretary of  
6       Health and Human Services, shall carry out a pilot  
7       program to provide anthrax vaccines to emergency  
8       response providers as so authorized. The duration of  
9       the pilot program shall be 24 months from the date  
10      the initial vaccines are administered to participants.

11          (2) PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS.—By not  
12      later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of  
13      this Act, and prior to implementing the pilot pro-  
14      gram under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Home-  
15      land Security shall—

16                (A) establish a communication platform for  
17      the pilot program;

18                (B) establish education and training mod-  
19      ules for the pilot program;

20                (C) conduct economic analysis of the pilot  
21      program; and

22                (D) create a logistical platform for the an-  
23      thrax vaccine request process under the pilot  
24      program.

1           (3) LOCATION.—In carrying out the pilot pro-  
2           gram under this subsection, the Secretary of Home-  
3           land Security shall select emergency response pro-  
4           viders based in at least two States for participation  
5           in the pilot program.

6           (4) DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION.—The  
7           Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide to  
8           each emergency response provider who participates  
9           in the pilot program under this subsection disclo-  
10          sures and educational materials regarding the asso-  
11          ciated benefits and risks of any vaccine provided  
12          under the pilot program and of exposure to anthrax.

13          (5) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
14          date of the enactment of this Act, and annually  
15          thereafter until 1 year after the completion of the  
16          pilot program, the Secretary of Homeland Security  
17          shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Secu-  
18          rity and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of  
19          the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
20          Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the  
21          Senate a report on the progress and results of the  
22          pilot program, including the percentage of eligible  
23          emergency response providers, as determined by  
24          each pilot location, that volunteer to participate, the  
25          degree to which participants obtain necessary vac-

1 cinations, as appropriate, and recommendations to  
2 improve initial and recurrent participation in the  
3 pilot program. The report shall include a plan under  
4 which the Secretary plans to continue the program  
5 to provide vaccines to emergency response providers  
6 under section 526(a) of the Homeland Security Act  
7 of 2002, as added by subsection (a).

8 (6) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The  
9 Secretary of Homeland Security shall begin imple-  
10 menting the pilot program under this subsection by  
11 not later than the date that is 1 year after the date  
12 of the enactment of this Act.

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Attest:

*Clerk.*



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